

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Delete the section on page 1, lines 3-6, and replace it with the following replacement section:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

A1 This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/290,251 filed on April 13, 1999, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

Delete the paragraph on page 7, line 23, through page 8, line 20, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

A2 --Furthermore, by outputting the message signal, users can recognize that the reproduction inhibition is not caused by a failure of the reproduction apparatus or a damage of the disk, but caused by a problem of the copyright. In addition, by displaying where to make contact with the copyright managing organization, it is possible to collect information for identifying a person who produced the pirated edition from users. Furthermore, in the case of a violation of a copyright, destruction of data is also conducted. In the case where the signal processing device 120 is formed as a single semiconductor chip, therefore, data is destroyed and cannot be read out, even if software of the microcontroller is falsified and correction impossibility flag is disregarded. If the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 in the disk reproduction stopping signal

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generation circuit 109 is made active, provided that the copying permission information indicates "copying of only one generation was permitted" and the disk identification code is judged to be a disk dedicated to reproduction or provided that the copying permission information is "copying is inhibited" and the disk identification code is judged to a recordable disk, then a DVD-R/RAM produced by illegally recording contents of a disk inhibited from being copied can also be prevented from being reproduced. According to the present embodiment, a reproduction apparatus capable of sufficiently protecting a copyright can be provided.--

Delete the paragraph on page 12, lines 14-28, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

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--Instead of inputting the output of the message information generation circuit 110 to the selection circuit 111 and inputting the output of the selection circuit 111 to the output control circuit 112, the output of the message information generation circuit 110 is written into the RAM 105 via a RAM write controller 119. Components other than them are common to the third embodiment. In the case where the disk reproduction stopping signal 114 has become active, overwriting is conducted on video data or audio data which should be originally outputted in the present embodiment. As a result, there are obtained the same effects as those of the case where the output of the message information generation circuit 110 is inputted to the selection circuit